

REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1, 18, 30, and 34 have been amended.

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Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,048,740 to White ("White"). Independent claim 1 is directed to an acetabular reamer that includes a body defining a relief surface that is operably connected to and defines an edge of a peripheral surface of the body. Independent claim 1 recites that the peripheral surface (14) is a truncated hemisphere with its boundaries defined by the end surface (20) and the relief surface (22). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of a driver connector that is spaced from the support structure.

It is the Applicants' belief that the prior art does not disclose such a feature. White is directed to an acetabular reamer that includes an external surface 436, a peripheral base 432, and a mounting bar 440 having armatures 441. There is no disclosure in White of a peripheral surface that is a truncated hemisphere. Instead, as shown in FIG. 25 of White, the external surface 436 of the reamer is a hemisphere that is bounded by the peripheral base 432. The armatures 441 extend past the hemispherical edge and do not serve as a boundary of a truncated hemisphere. Additionally, White does not disclose a driver connector that is spaced from the support structure. As described in White, the mounting bar 440 is the same structure as the support (as identified in the Office Action), therefore, the mounting bar 440 is not spaced apart from the driver connector.

Therefore, for at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Independent claim 18 recites a first relief surface that is operably connected to a peripheral surface of the body and a second relief surface that is operably connected to a peripheral surface of the body. The claim has been amended to include a driver connector that is spaced from the first and second support structures. As stated above in reference to claim 1, White does not disclose this feature. For at least this reason, claim 18 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Independent claim 30 has also been amended to include a driver connector that is spaced from the support structure. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed in relation to

claim 1, independent claim 30 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Independent claim 34 has also been amended to include a driver connector that is spaced from the support structure. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed in relation to claim 1, independent claim 34 is believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims have been overcome and that all remaining claims, namely claims 1-34 are currently in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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